

2016-17

Youth Energy Essay Contest

An Essay Contest for 8th grade students
who live or attend school in the Southwest Rural Electric Service Region

Oklahoma Schools

Altus, Blair, Davidson, Frederick, Navajo, Snyder, Tipton

Texas Schools

Chillicothe, Crowell, Electra, Harrold, Northside, Vernon



A Special Invitation

to 8th grade students in the following schools:

ALTUS, BLAIR, CHILLICOTHE, CROWELL, DAVIDSON, ELECTRA, FREDERICK, HARROLD,
NAVAJO, NORTHSIDE, SNYDER, TIPTON, AND VERNON

SWRE Youth Energy Essay Contest

If you are an 8th grade student who is attending one of the schools listed above or who lives in the SWRE service territory, you are invited to enter the 2016-17 Youth Power

Energy Camp Contest!

At least eight students will be named winners in the contest and each winner will receive a \$50 cash prize!

Plan NOW to enter!

The essay topic and contest rules are on page 3 of this contest packet.

Deadline for submitting your 350-500 word essay is **March 10, 2017**.

Tips for Writing Your Essay

Neatness counts!

Be sure that your work is neat, tidy, and that your handwriting is easily readable.

Correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling are essential!

- Spell correctly.
- Use correct grammar and punctuation.
- Avoid run-on sentences!

Think creatively!

Be creative and be sure that your ideas are uniquely your own!

2016-2017 Youth Energy Essay Contest Rules

The Youth Energy Essay Contest is open to any eighth grade student who lives or attends school within the SWRE service area.

All essays submitted become the property of SWRE and will not be returned.

Students who are the child or grandchild of a current SWRE employee or trustee are NOT eligible to enter.

How to Enter

Thoughtfully write an original essay on the topic below.

Essay Topic and Due Date

TOPIC:

Imagine that you can travel through time.

You can travel backward 100 years to 1916 OR you can travel forward 100 years to 2116 (Your choice).

Using your imagination, write about how life in that time period is different than today as it relates to the use of electricity.

DUE DATE: Essays must be received in SWRE's Tipton office no later than Friday, March 10, 2017.

Essay Format

The essay must be original and of 350 to 500 words. It must be neatly printed in black or blue ink, or typewritten on white 8 1/2" x 11" paper.

No name may appear on the body of the essay but must be included on a cover sheet (provided on the back page of this packet).

Judging

An independent judge will select two winners – one from Texas schools and one from Oklahoma schools. Judging criteria are creativity, originality, accuracy, organization, grammatical correctness, style and content. The judge will also select finalists from Texas and Oklahoma.

Prizes Awarded

At least eight winners will each receive \$50 cash prizes.

Southwest Rural Electric Association

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2016-2017 Youth Energy Essay Contest

Official Entry Form

Use this form as your essay's cover sheet.

Essay must be received by SWRE by end of business day on **Friday, March 10, 2017**

I hereby request to enter the SWRE Youth Energy Essay Contest. I am in the 8th grade and reside or attend school within the SWRE service area. I am not the child or grandchild of any current SWRE employee or trustee.

Name _____

Address / City / Zip _____

Phone(s) _____ E-mail _____

Parents' Names _____

List parents' names as you would like for them to be named in a news release if you are a contest finalist.

Teacher's Name _____

School _____

Signature _____

Birth Date _____ Male _____ Female _____

**Use this form as an essay cover sheet.
Return form with essay to**

Southwest Rural Electric Association
Energy Essay Contest
P.O. Box 310 – 700 North Broadway
Tipton, Oklahoma 73570-0310

For Office Use Only:
Contestant Number _____